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For: SYSTEM HAVING DLC CONTACT

SURFACES, METHOD OF LUBRICATING THE SYSTEM, AND LUBRICANT FOR THE

SYSTEM (AS AMENDED)

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.